

I CLAIM:

1. A reinforced rib of a three-folded umbrella having three-rib to  
5 compose a frame of the umbrella, wherein the improvement is to  
provide a reinforced rod being received and engaged within the second  
rib of the frame.
2. A reinforced rib of a three-folded umbrella as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the reinforced rod has a U-shaped cross section.
- 10 3. A reinforced rib of a three-folded umbrella as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the cross section of the reinforced rod can be circular,  
semi-circular, D-shaped, triangle, W-shaped, V-shaped, or M-shaped.
4. A reinforced rib of a three-folded umbrella as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the umbrella is collapsible either manually or automatically

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